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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116;
RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED JUNE 10, 2004**

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Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered in the captioned patent application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.116. Applicants submit the following amendments place the case in even better condition for allowance or appeal.

This paper is submitted in response to the Final Office Action dated June 10, 2004, for which the three-month date for response is September 10, 2004.

The Director is authorized to deduct any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 required for any reason relating to this document from Williams, Morgan & Amerson, P.C. Deposit Account No. 50-0786/2103.000600.

Reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendment and remarks is respectfully requested.